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CUT OFF UNTIL OCTOBER

One hundred and sixty-six men are being left in the Anartic until next October by Admiral Richard E. Byrd's South Pole expedition.

The ships of Admiral's Byrd's fifth expedition to the South Pole are now leaving, and soon only 166 of the original men sent on the expedition will be braving the darknessand extreme cold of the Anartic.

These men are to make preparations for scientists, who will arrive in 1957, and who are expected to make important progress, in the scientific field, in the study of weather, cosmic rays and other phenomena, such as magnetic fields.

The 166 men are actually completing construction of a base for U. S. personnel, which includes more than thirty buildings, and which will house scientists and other Americans, in the years to come. They will be isolated until October when ships can again get through.

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ON NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

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USE YOUR BRAIN

Dr. Wilma Donahue, University of Michigan psychologist, says the modern generation of young people is not required to do enough thinking. Dr. Donahue is firmly convinced that the older generation, in its school days, was forced to do more thinking.

The brain deteriorates, just as do muscles, if not used, Dr. Donahue points out, and, therefore, it is essential for those who hope to remain alert mentally to practice proper exercise in thinking.

The question which arises next, for most of us, is how to keep our mental processes alert. It might be done by reading a thought-provoking book, if one is in a job which requires little thought, or in a professional rut. It can also be done by facing new situations, or hobbies, which require thought and the overcoming of difficult situations.

We suggest that it is a good habit to read at least one good book a month, and that is also a worthwhile goal to seek out new and challenging tasks, avocations and interests.

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TO BE THE BIG ISSUE

Early last week there came to our desk a document from the Democratic Party chiefs listing what they believed would be the "Ten Big Issues" in the approaching Presidential campaign. That was before the announcement that Mr. Eisenhower would be available for a second term bid. We are confident that the campaign will see a full presentation of all cogent issues, especially the farm issue. But, it is our opinion that the health of the President will be the number one issue to be decided by the voters in November.

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THREE MILLION IN COLLEGES

The extent to which this country is growing is shown dramatically in the steady increase in college enrollment. It is estimated that there are, for the first time in our history, three million students now enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the United States.

Commissioner Samuel M. Brownell, of the Office of Education, reports that the increase this year represents an 8.8 per cent rise over the previous year. It is interesting to note that the increase in enrollment in publicly-controlled universities and colleges is greater than that of privately controlled institutions. The increase in the former was 9.7 per cent, while that of the later was 7.7 per cent.

The United States now has approximately 1,850 colleges and universities. Male students out-number female students in these colleges by almost two to one.

The University of California has the largest enrollment: 38,594. It is followed by State University of New York with 33,623; New York University, 31,867; City College of New York, 26,426; Columbia University, 25,867; University of Illinois, 24,129; University of Michigan, 23,765; University of Minnesota, 23,393; Ohio State University, 21,744, and the University of Wisconsin, 20,119.

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The world is a great thing when you realize all the odd-looking couples you see on the street are made up of individuals who think their sweetie is quite a charmer.

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One thing about the democratic form of government: If you dislike the men in office, you can run for their jobs.

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Every once in a while a man has the rare good fortune to meet with good fortune.

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There are some people who think a joke must be bad to be good.

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Representative Abbitt And The Governorship

(An Editorial in the Progress-Index., Petersburg, Va., Feb. 14)

A staff writer of the Lynchburg NEWS reports it is the feeling of many members of the General Assembly that Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond, Jr, will be the Democratic candidate for governor in next year's election and that State Senator Ted Dalton of Radford will be the Republican bearer.

Among the others the writer describes as "widely mentioned as possible candidates" are Delegate Robert Whitehead, State Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., State Senator Charles R. Fenwick, State Senator Garland Gray, State Seator Albertus S. Harrison, Jr., House Speaker E. Blackburn Moore, Lt. Gov. A. E. S. Stephens, and State Senator Harry Carter Stuart.

"What is considered by many to be a really big question mark in the picture as a whole," reports THE NEWS writer, "is whether Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt of Appomattox would be interested in entering the race next year or will stand aside for the time being.

"Long regarded as one of the organization stalwarts, Abbitt has been called in by the organization on more than one occasion when seemingly insurmountable difficulties confronted it. The feeling is that Abbitt's value to the party and the organization will have to be taken into account in choosing a candidate."

The story goes on to say that Mr. Almond is generally conceded to be in a first rate position to "get the nod" for the gubernatorial contest, but that Mr. Abbitt could put the organization in something of a spot should he evidence a desire to get into next year's contest.

The article does not profess to know whether the Fourth District representative is interested in making the race nert year or not, but it is written on the assumption that he has earned the right to organization support for the governorship at some time in the future, and in the not too distant future.

Such speculation is a matter of much interest to his contstituents. The leading position to which he has attained in the Virginia delegation and in Virginia politics, and in a span of a few years, puts this well above the level of idle speculation.

CONTRIBUTED BY READER

(Editor's note: The following contribution to our columns has been on our desk for some weeks. It is from a local reader).

A new Handbag!
From the outside,
I'm sure you would never guess,
That on the inside, is
the same old mess.

Fifty Years Ago, And Now

We have read the stories of our
country's pioneers,
Rejoiced with them in their pleasures,
And sympathized with them in
their fears;
Truly, they came to America where
they could worship God,
Freely, and without the tension of
earthly kings and the rod:
Fifty years ago, we were not really on the modern brink,
When we stop to think:
Our grandparents took long journeys in covered wagons.
Drawn by steads, spirited like
fiery dragons:
They rose in the early hours of
morn;
Served their breakfast, and by
lantern light
Performed their chores, before the
break of dawn;
(You see, that was years before
Thomas Editon's day
And the pioneers didn't have light
the modern way.)
Then to the fields they went, where
they toiled early and late,
The unbroken soil to cultivate;
They really made history to relate,
As they strove their ambitions to
compensate.
Each year, when harvesting time
was over they set aside a day,
To give thanks to God, in a most
grateful way;
Truly they feasted lavishly, but
They didn't forget to pray.
Therefore until this age, the occasion is "Thanksgiving Day."
One morning I went walking with
a young man from the city.
He was indeed, quite handsome,
and equally as witty;
On approaching a mud hole, I remarked, "We should have a
pole."
"Pardon me," said he, "I should
have an automobile."
Automobile! Did you say automobile?"
Pardon my quiz, but, what in the
world is an automobile?
"A horseless conveyance of travel,"
he calmly replied.
Puzzled was I, as I stroked his side.
"Yes, I know," said I, that
The man drawn jinrikisha
of travel by the fine
"Not that," said he, "the
named Henry Ford
ed a machine
"Which will travel by pou
gasoline."
Now gasoline too, was
new.
But Time raced on, and
automation.
This has brought to us
ful surprises and pro
formation.
Fifty years ago, we trav
tances by steam dri
Now in this modern day,
take the plane.
The present generation
realize,
Nor, can they dramatize,
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Jesus on History

Lesson for March 11, 1956

Dr. Foreman

ALF way through a movie you may see people getting and walking out. That does not necessarily mean they are disgusted with the picture. It's just they came in right there in the first scene. "This is where we go in," they say, and they don't go to see the second half of the movie twice. (Query, by the way: Is a movie, or a play, that isn't worth seeing or hearing twice, worth seeing at all?) In ancient times the learned world thought history was a motion picture shown over and again. This was before modern times, going around in circles never get anywhere. History, the Greeks thought, is like a wheel, but it never gets anywhere.

History Goes Somewhere

Bible's view of history is a different one. History is more like straight line than a circle. Straight line is too simple. If you will read the book of Judges in the Old Testament you will find a piece of history that goes uphill and down in dizzy succession. But, looked at straight, it is a line going somewhere. On a circle, you are a given point. Now, after you have passed that point, are you moving farther away from it as you move, or are you getting nearer? The answer is both, of course. If history is a kind of circle then if you ask the question: are we getting farther away from Jerusalem, is the world getting better at all? The answer will seem to be: It doesn't make any difference. We are farther from the period of barbarism through which we last passed; but we are moving closer to the next period of barbarism. History, bad and good, will repeat itself.

To the Bible, and Jesus especially, have a different view. The world is moving away from a point that will never happen again. In moving, we are moving toward a future that has not yet happened and will happen only once. The course of history is not like a toy airplane that buzzes round and around, captive on a wire, but like a real plane that goes swiftly to its distant port.

History Keeps Going

Human history will have an end, so far as this earth is concerned, some day. (Of course no human being's final destiny would be ended even if the whole human race were destroyed by H-bombs. We are talking about history on this green planet.) But it is a fact, as Jesus pointed out, to come to the conclusion that we are living in history's last chapter. "The end will not be at once," he said. Many times men and women have been sure they knew the end of the world was at hand; they have always been mistaken. There is a theological seminary which was built by contributions from the churches which it serves. But there were some churches back when the seminary was built that would not consider it. The end of the world is close, they said, to be wasting money on brick buildings. It is not wise to refuse to build for tomorrow, for it is never wise to assume there isn't going to be a tomorrow. History is going somewhere; but it will not reach its destination "in nothing flat."

Goal of History

Where is history going? The Christian answer is: Toward the reign of the Lord Jesus over all mankind. Jesus taught his disciples to look forward to one event in the other: his coming again. Now the Christian church in its earliest times has had various ideas about how and when Christ's Coming will be, and what will mean in detail. But surely the Christian can accept seriously the idea that history just goes on and on, a line that has no direction and no end. God and Christ are in conflict; must we believe that this war will never end? On the contrary, Christians are noted in believing that what at first made us hope for will come true, and indeed many Christians believe that it is beginning to come true now; namely, that God in his own time will bring our time to an end, that soon or late as we understand it, but surely, the Son of Man, in power and glory, will be Lord of all.

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

Painting Tips

Here is some of the know-how from paint manufacturers and professional painters for making your pains jobs easier and much more satisfying.

Painting your own rooms can be one of the most satisfying jobs you can undertake. The basic points to remember are: (1) Use quality paint and equipment. (2) Make sure the surface to be painted is smooth, clean and dry. (3) Do the painting in a warm, dry, well - ventilated room. (4) Always allow plenty of drying time between coats.

In addition to the basic rules, there are many tips and tricks of the trade that will make your painting job a durable and handsome one. Here are a few of them:

Tips on Mixing Paint

Mix the total amount of paint required for the room, plus an extra quart so you may do retouch work later without rematching the paint.

For best mixing, pour paint back and forth from one can to another. This is called "boxing." First pour the liquid from the top of a newly-opened can into another container. Then stir in the remaining solid matter until it becomes smooth paste. Slowly replace liquid, stirring constantly. Then pour the paint back and forth from one can to another several times or until pigment is completely blended with it. Stir paint occasionally while using it. A paddle with holes in it does a better mixing job than a solid paddle.

Be careful with thinner. Read the directions on the label and use only the exact quantity of thinner recommended.

Always start a new can of paint from a corner, never in the middle of a wall or ceiling — even the same color from different cans sometimes varies a fraction in hue.

Tips on Brushes and Rollers

Buy good paint brushes. Select a 3 or 4 inch brush for interior walls and ceilings; select a 2 or 2½ inch brush for casings, doors, and baseboards; choose a 1 or½ inch brush or 2 inch sash brush for windows.

Prepare a new brush for oil-painting by soaking the bristles thoroughly in linseed oil for at least 12 hours. Before putting it in paint squeeze out all the oil you can.

When buying a roller, be sure to get the correct type cover; mohair (shear) for rubber - base latex paints, and oil paints.

Always follow the manufacturer's directions on how to use a specific roller.

Tips on Applying the Paint

Before painting, remove hardware; take off switch and wall outlet plates and lower or remove ceiling fixtures.

Dip the brush carefully, never allowing more than half the length of the bristles to enter the paint.

Tap off paint drippings against the side of the can. Don't draw the brush edgewise across the top of the can.

After you have dipped the brush, do not wipe the paint from the sides of the brush, for about 35 per cent of the paint is carried on the outside of the brush.

When painting walls, with brush or roller, begin at the top and in a corner and work down. Carry each stretch being painted down to baseboard. Keep area narrow so you are always working with a wet edge.

Use curving and down strokes, called "fanning." This stroke is less tiresome than others. Make the edges of strips irregular and slightly slanted rather than straight up and down. This will help make laps less apparent.

Always apply paint with the flat side of the brush. This applies even when painting a narrow strip on a window frame. Painting with edge of brush makes it divide into clumps and does a poor job.

Modern Mary

At the supper table one night on the farm, the hired man was telling about a breeder who was developing a strain of sheep for speed. "He tells me," the hired man said, "that he's got lambs now tha. run 40 miles an hour."

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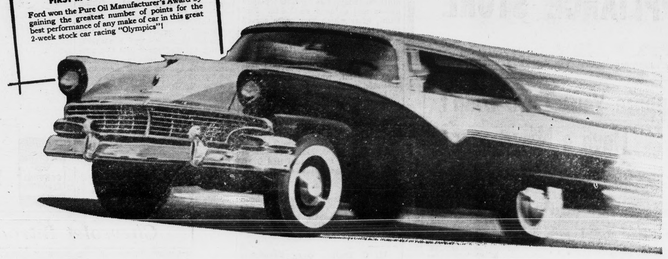

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